**National Council for Mental Wellbeing**

Association Executives Teleconference Summary Notes

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

Participants: Melanie Brown Woofter, Shelly Chandler, James Childers, Le Ondra Clark Harvey, Lauri Cole, Lydia Conley, Morgan Coyner, Terry Dosch, John Drebinger, Mark Drennan, Annette Dubas, Mark Fontaine, Zoe Frantz, Robyn Garrett, Linda Grant, Shannon Hall, Sherrie Hinshaw, Chelsea Hughes, Kyle Kessler, Alysia Smith Knight, Joel Landreneau, Richard Leclerc, Erika Leuchte, Mark LeVota, Holly McCorkle, Maggie McCowen, Brent McGinty, Emily Miller, Michelle Ponce, Mary Linden Salter, Flora Schmidt, Adrienne Shilton, and Mary Windecker.

Staff in Attendance: Chuck Ingoglia, Deanna Roepke, Brett Beckerson, Neal Comstock, Rebecca Farley David, Erin Griebe, Dave Hirsch, Connor McKay, Ann Mukherjee, Aaron Polacek, Reyna Taylor, DeAnn Wandler-Vukovich, and Monika Witt.

**Summary Notes:**

**Policy Updates** – Reyna Taylor  
Reyna provided an update on the 15 state, CCBHC announcement that came out on March 15 and the release of the SAMHSA CCBHC criteria. Rebecca Farley David reviewed the states that received these grants. Other federal updates provided by Reyna included review of two Requests for Information (RFI) from the Senate Health Committee, from Chairman Sanders (I-VT) and ranking member Bill Cassidy (R-LA) on the status of behavioral health workforce. The second RFI from the Senate Health Committee concerns the pandemic and the All Hazard Response Act (PAHPA Act). Lastly, Reyna reviewed two proposed rules coming from Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The first is around telemedicine, the second rule is around the prescription allowance for buprenorphine.

**NatCon23 Update** – Deanna Roepke

Deanna provided updated NatCon registration numbers, and updates on keynote speakers at NatCon23 and other opportunities for learning, fun and collaboration with over 5,000 colleagues. Neal Comstock announced the Association Executives meeting at NatCon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, from 8:00 am – 9:00 am and that breakfast will be served.

**Next Association Executives meeting**

The next Association Executives meeting will be on Tuesday, April 17, 2023, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET.